



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Deepak B. SALUNKE, et al ) Group Art No.: 1617  
Application No: 10/815,109 ) Examiner: BADIO, Barbara P.  
Filed: 03/30/2004 ) Re: *Amendment and Response*  
For: "Bile Acid Derived Steroidal )  
Dimers..." ) Date: June 8, 2006

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 8, 2005. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) in duplicate and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a)(3), for a three month extension of time. With the extension, the deadline for filing this response is due no later than

**June 8, 2006.**

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.